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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice to reentry and new claims 24-26 are added. The new claims, which are patentable for the reasons below, are supported in paragraphs 0031, 0034, 0036, 0101, 0199, and 0201, which appear in the original specification respectively in the last paragraph on page 9; the third paragraph on page 10; the paragraph spanning pages 10-11; the fourth full paragraph on page 27; the fourth full paragraph on page 27; and the first full paragraph on page 51.

Paragraphs 0034 and 0036 support the sixth paragraph of claim 24 (6th including the preamble), while the seventh and eighth paragraphs are supported by paragraph 0101 and the last paragraph of claim 1 is supported by paragraphs 0199 and 0201. The supporting paragraphs read:

[0031] According to a sixth mode for carrying out the invention, in the vehicle resold price analysis system according to any one the second to fifth modes, information concerning estimated sold price, estimated remaining price, or estimated remaining value rate of vehicle before resale is output using the correlation equation or the table having the correlation. According to the sixth mode, it is possible to obtain the objective estimated sold price concerning the vehicle to be resold.

[0034] An eighth mode for carrying out the invention provides a storage medium for storing data used for a vehicle resold price analysis system which estimates information concerning sold price, remaining price, or remaining value rate of the vehicle before resale, using data concerning resold vehicle, wherein, concerning resold vehicle resold within a predetermined period, the storage medium stores therein at least data concerning actually using period such as elapsed months or a using contract period from first registration year or a using contract year, data concerning displacement volume, data concerning a new vehicle price, and data concerning mileage in the actually using period.

[0036] A ninth mode for carrying out the invention provides a storage medium for storing data used for a vehicle resold price analysis system

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which estimates information concerning sold price, remaining price, or remaining value rate of the vehicle before resale, using data concerning resold vehicle, wherein, concerning resold vehicle resold within a predetermined period, the storage medium stores therein at least data concerning actually using period such as elapsed months or a using contract period from first registration year or a using contract year, and data concerning a new vehicle price, concerning resold vehicle resold within a predetermined period.

[0101] First, the vehicle type database 13 additionally updates the vehicle type data concerning new vehicle type, whenever the new vehicle type newly produced is announced or produced. The new vehicle type includes the case where a form authorization number is changed. The data stored in the vehicle type database 13 is periodically used for the estimated sold price calculation system 15, and this data is transmitted to the use side vehicle resold price analysis system 21 as updating data periodically or when the data was renewed. The estimated sold price calculation system 15 is also renewed by new data periodically, module such as an updated correlation equation is sent to a use side vehicle resold price analysis system 21 as updating data.

[0199] FIG. 17 is a graph in which one of axes shows mileage and the other axis shows remaining value rate obtained by dividing the sold price by the new vehicle price. FIG. 17 shows actual data of mileage and remaining value rate concerning already resold vehicles, and shows correlation between mileage and remaining value rate. The correlation between mileage and remaining value rate and the actual data are shown with different color according to three year leasing and five year leasing. The remaining value rate may be successful bid price (sold price).

[0201] FIG. 18 is a graph in which one of axes shows lease period and the other axis shows remaining value rate obtained by dividing sold price by new vehicle price. FIG. 18 shows actual data of mileage and remaining value rate concerning already resold vehicles, and shows correlation between mileage and remaining value rate. The remaining value rate may be successful bid price (sold price).

The new claims more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention. The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

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The new claims are in compliance with section 112, first and second paragraphs, which overcomes the outstanding rejection; and the new claims also distinguish over the applied reference, Whitworth '129. For example, Whitworth discloses only "an index which correlates with a liability" and "contracts [that] correlate with energy demand," and no other correlation: in particular, no correlation of auto prices as claimed. Neither is there any disclosure of storing correlation.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, the application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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